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For : A HIGH-STRENGTH THICK STEEL PLATE EXCELLENT  
IN LOW TEMPERATURE TOUGHNESS AT HEAT  
AFFECTED ZONE RESULTING FROM LARGE HEAT  
INPUT WELDING

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.